

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully calls Examiner Bui's attention to the additional Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 13, 2008, and requests that the Examiner initial and return to the undersigned attorney the modified PTO/SB/08 form attached to the IDS.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in view of the above claim 23 amendment whereby claim 23 is now dependent on only the allowable claim 22.

Thus, claims 23 and 24 now should be allowable along with the **already allowed** claim 22.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicant cancels claims 8 and 18 (without prejudice), thereby rendering moot their rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant rewrites claims 19 (19/18/8) and 20 (20/18/8) in independent form, whereby **claims 19, 20 and 21 now should be allowable.**

In summary, then, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and to find the application now to be in condition for **allowance with claims 19 through 24.**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116....
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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

However, if for any reason Examiner Bui feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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